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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Derek Charles Penn

Appl. No. 09/547,793

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For: **System, Method, and Computer  
Program Product for Configuring  
Stochastic Simulation Models in  
an Object Oriented Environment**

Art Unit: 2123

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**Second Preliminary Amendment**

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and

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